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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR JA KS

SUBJ: ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS

REF: TOKYO 11997

1. NORTHEAST ASIA DIV DIRECTOR SEO TOLD EMBOFF 10:45  
SEPT 18 THAT AMBASSADOR USHIROKU HAD DISCUSSED ORAL STATEMENT  
WITH ROK PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER AT KIM CHONG  
PIL'S RESIDENCE EVENING OF SEPT 17. THOUGH MOST OF REMAINING  
DIFFERENCES SOLVED, QUESTION OF RESPONSIBILITY REMAINED  
STICKING POINT.

2. EARLY MORNING OF SEPT 18. GOJ SENT USHIROKU NEW INSTRUCTIONS.  
HE IS TO TELL ROK THAT GOJ NOT IN A POSITION TO ASSUME  
ANYTHING BEYOND MORAL RESPONSIBILITY. IF, HOWEVER, THE  
WORDING OF THE LETTER IS THE ONLY ROK CONCERN, GOJ  
PREPARED TO OFFER ALTERNATIVE EXPRESSION, ("JAPAN FEELS  
RESPONSIBILITY IN ITS OWN WAY"- SORE NADE NI) AS LONG  
AS KOREAN SIDE CLEARLY UNDERSTANDS THAT JAPANESE POSITION  
HAS NOT CHANGED. USHIROKU INSTRUCTED TO PASS ABOVE  
MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER KIM AT EARLIEST CONVENIENCE,  
BUT AS OF TIME OF SEO CALL TO US HAD RECEIVED NO  
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APPOINTMENT. SEO SPECULATED THAT CABINET RESHUFFLE

IN SEOUL MAY HAVE PREOCCUPIED PRIME MINISTER.

3. AT MEETING NIGHT BEFORE, USHIROKU HAD ALSO ASKED  
PRIME MINISTER FOR ASSURANCES THAT DEMONSTRATIONS AND  
OTHER ATTACKS ON JAPANESE PROPERTY BE STOPPED BEFORE  
SHIINA ARRIVED. KIM JONG PIL ASSURED USHIROKU HE WOULD  
DO HIS BEST AND WOULD BROADCAST RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT ON  
VISIT TO KOREAN PEOPLE. PRIME MINISTER ALSO TOLD  
USHIROKU HE HAD FOUND UPON CHECKING WITH KIM DONG JO  
THAT FOREIGN MINISTER' OFFENSIVE SEPTEMBER 16 INTERVIEW IN  
CHOSEN ILBO (REFTEL) WAS A FABRICATION.  
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